

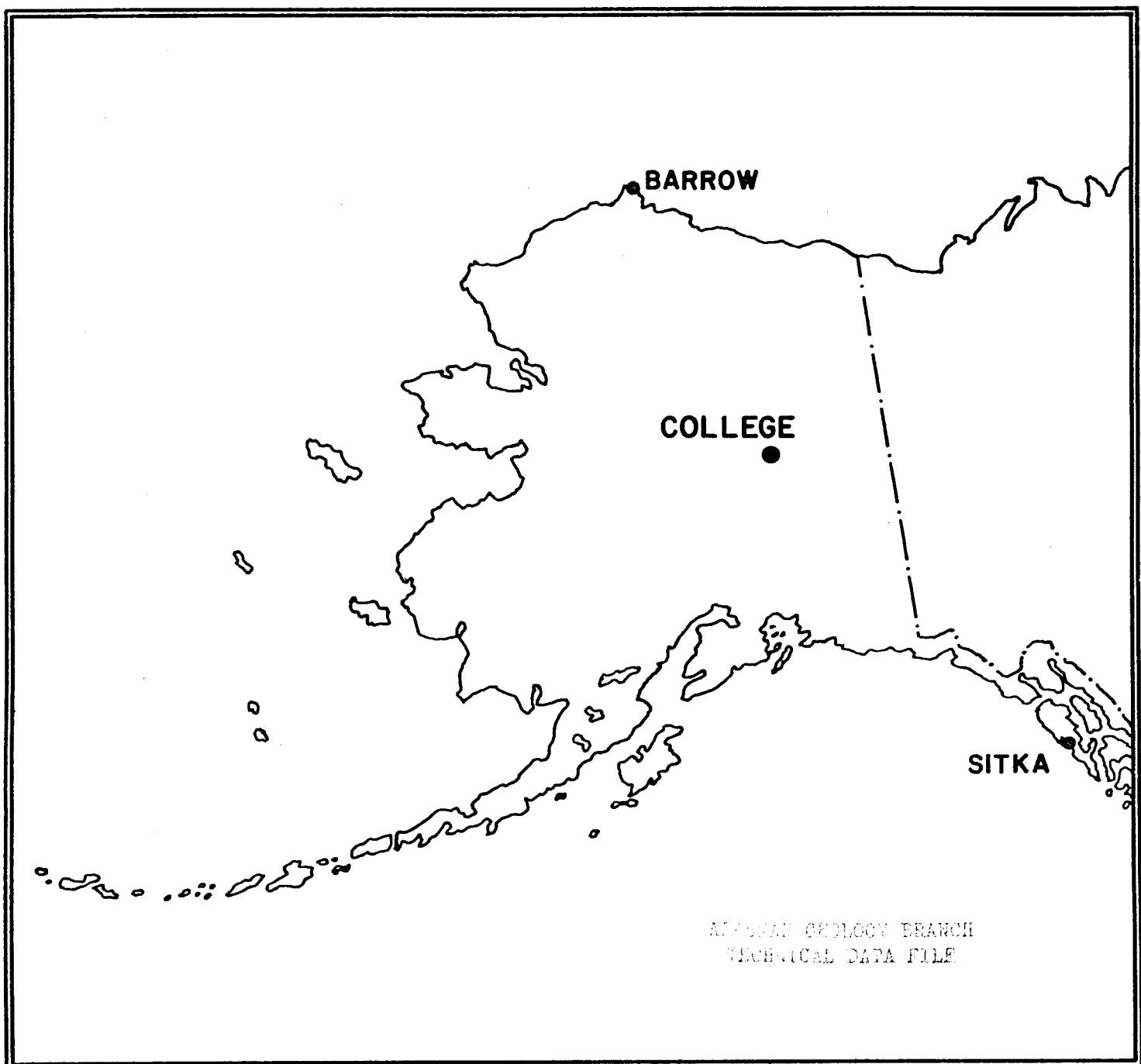
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PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA
COLLEGE OBSERVATORY
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

DECEMBER 1976

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COLLEGE OBSERVATORY PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA

INTRODUCTION

The preliminary geomagnetic data included here is made available to scientific personnel and organizations, as part of a cooperative effort and on a data exchange basis because of the early need by some users. To avoid delay, all of the data is copied from original forms processed at the observatory; therefore it should be regarded as preliminary. Inquiries about this report or about the College Observatory should be addressed to:

Chief, College Observatory
U.S. Geological Survey
Yukon Drive on West Ridge
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Requests for copies of the magnetograms except for the current month should be addressed to:
World Data Center A-NOAA
Environmental Data Service
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Normal, Storm, and Rapid Run magnetograms and appropriate calibration data are processed daily at the observatory and are available for analysis or copying. Also available are mean hourly scalings, K-Indices, selected magnetic phenomena reports, and on a real-time basis are recordings from a 3-component fluxgate magnetometer and F-component proton magnetometer.

Magnetic Activity

The K-Index. The K-Index is a logarithmic measurement of the range of the most disturbed component (D or H) of the geomagnetic field for eight intervals beginning 0000-0300, 0300-0600...2100-2400 UT. It is a measure of the difference between the highest and lowest deviation from a smooth curve to be expected for a component on a magnetically quiet day, within a three hour interval.

The Equivalent Daily Amplitude, AK. The K-Index is converted into an equivalent range, ak, which is near the center of the limiting gamma ranges for a given K. The average of the eight values is called equivalent daily amplitude AK. The unit 10^y has been chosen so as not to give the illusion of an accuracy not justified.

The schedule for converting gamma range to K, and K to ak is as follows:

Gamma Range	K - Index	ak*
0 < 25	0	0
25 < 50	1	3
50 < 100	2	7
100 < 200	3	15
200 < 350	4	27
350 < 600	5	48
600 < 1000	6	80
1000 < 1650	7	140
1650 < 2500	8	240
2500+	9	400 (10 ^y)

The Magnetic Daily Character Figure, C. To each Universal day a character is assigned on the basis C=0, if it is quiet; C=1 if it is moderately disturbed; C=2 if it is greatly disturbed. The method used to assign characters at the College Observatory is based on AK as follows:

AK Range	C
0≈11	0
11≈50	1
50+	2

Routine assignment of C was discontinued at College on January 1, 1976.

OBSERVATORY LOCATION

The College Observatory, operated by the U. S. Geological Survey, is located at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska. It is near the Auroral Zone and the northern limit of the world's greatest earthquake belt, the circum-Pacific Seismic belt. Although the observatory's basic operation is in geomagnetism and seismology, it cooperates with other scientists and organizations in areas where the facility and personnel can be of service.

The observatory is one of three operated by the USGS in Alaska. The others are located at Barrow and Sitka.

The position of the observatory site is:

Geographic latitude.....64°51.6'N
Geographic longitude.....147°50.2'W
Geomagnetic latitude.....+64.6°
Geomagnetic longitude.....+256.5°
Elevation.....200 meters

GEOMAGNETIC DATA

Selected Phenomena & Outstanding Magnetic Effects

Prior to January 1, 1976, the Normal & Rapid Run records were reviewed at the observatory for selected magnetic phenomena and the events identified were forwarded to the IUGG Commission on Magnetic Variations and Disturbances. This was discontinued on January 1, 1976, but a report on Outstanding Magnetic Effects is prepared monthly for this report.

Principal Magnetic Storms

Gradual and sudden commencement magnetic disturbances with at least one K-Index of 5 or greater, which are believed to be part of a world-wide disturbance, are classified as principal magnetic storms. The time of the storm beginning and ending; direction and amplitude of sudden commencements; period of maximum activity; and storm range are reported. Monthly reports of these data are forwarded to the World Data Center A in Boulder, Colorado.

Magnetogram Hourly Scalings

Magnetogram hourly scalings are averages for successive periods of one hour for the D, H, and Z elements. The value in the column headed "01" is the average for the hour beginning 0000 and ending 0100. Note that the values on the scaling sheets are in tenths of mm with the decimal point omitted. The user of these scalings should keep in mind that the tabular values are hourly means and if he is interested in the detailed morphology of the magnetic field, he should refer directly to the magnetograms.

Magnetograms

The normal magnetograms in this report are reproduced at about one-third the size of the originals. Preliminary base-line values and scale values adopted for use with the original magnetograms are included. For days when the magnetic field is too disturbed for the Normal magnetogram to be readable, Storm magnetograms are reproduced.

Absolutes, Base-lines, and Scale Values

To determine the absolute value of the magnetic field from the hourly means or from point scalings the following equations should be used:

$D = B_D + d \cdot S_D$; $H = B_H + h \cdot S_H$; $Z = B_Z + z \cdot S_Z$
where D, H, and Z are absolute values;
 B_D , B_H and B_Z are base-line values;
 S_D , S_H and S_Z are scale values;
and d, h, and z are scalings in millimeters.

COLLEGE, ALASKA

MAGNETIC ACTIVITY
(Greenwich civil time, counted from midnight to midnight)

MONTH AND YEAR

DECEMBER 1976

DATE	K-INDICES								AK	TIME SCALE ON MAGNETOGrams			
	00-03	03-06	06-09	09-12	12-15	15-18	18-21	21-24		mm/hr	d	h	m
1	1	0	1	2	3	2	1	1	11	05	SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS		
2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	03	01			
3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	03	01			
4	0	0	4	4	6	6	1	1	22	28			
5	1	1	0	2	4	1	1	0	10	06			
6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	02	01			
7	1	1	0	2	3	3	1	1	12	06			
8	3	2	5	6	6	2	1	1	26	30			
9	0	0	6	6	5	5	3	2	27	35			
10	2	1	3	5	5	5	2	3	26	24			
11	3	3	4	4	2	3	2	1	22	15			
12	1	2	2	4	6	5	3	2	25	24			
13	0	2	2	4	4	1	1	0	14	09			
14	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	06	03			
15	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	04	02			
16	0	0	1	3	5	3	2	1	15	11			
17	1	1	0	0	4	4	3	3	16	11			
18	3	6	5	3	1	1	2	3	24	23			
19	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	10	04			
20	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	07	04			
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28	0	1	2	3	1	0	1	1	09	04			
29	6	4	7	6	6	6	2	2	39	63			
30	1	1	2	6	6	5	4	4	29	34			
31	3	3	1	2	2	1	3	2	17	09			

K SCALE USED:	D	H	Z
LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9.....	683.8	321.7	
CURRENT SCALE VALUE.....	3.76	7.82	
LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9	2570	2520	

(mm)
(γ/mm)
(to nearest 10γ)

SCALINGS AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED.

APPROVED JOHN B. TOWNSHEND, CHIEF, COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

OBSERVER IN CHARGE

OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS			OBSERVATORY COLLEGE, ALASKA
		MONTH DECEMBER	YEAR 1976
DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS
05	20XX	pc3 & pc4	
14	18XX	pc4	with pc3's
20	17XX	pc3	with pc1,pc2,pc4 & pc5's
21	03XX	pc5	with pc3's
28	2038	ssc*	

IDENTIFIED BY: MJM & JEP

VERIFIED BY: JBT

1. NATURE OF PHENOMENON: ssc, ssc*, si, si*, b, bp, bs, bps, pc1, pc2 - - - pc5, pg, pi 1, pi 2, sfe.

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS
Data from Individual Observatories : COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA
DECEMBER 1976WDC-A FOR SOLAR-TERRESTRIAL PHYSICS
ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA
BOULDER, COLORADO 80302 U.S.A.

Obs. 2 letter IAEA code	Geomag. lat.	Commencement			SC - amplitudes			Max. 3 hr - index K			Ranges			UT End day hr
		day	hr min (UT)	type	D(')	H(Y)	Z(Y)	day	(3 hr - period)	K	D(')	H(Y)	Z(Y)	
CO	64°6' N	28	2038	sc*	-5	29	3	7	265	1750	950	29 19

COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA -- PRELIMINARY CALIBRATION DATA FOR:

DECEMBER

1976

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE	VALUE	BASELINE
D	0000UT, 12-1-76	2400UT, 12-31-76	1.0'/mm	3.88'/mm	28°07'.0E
H	0000UT, 12-1-76	2400UT, 12-6-76	7.8'x/mm	12759x	
	0000 UT, 12-7-76	2400 UT, 12-31-76	7.8 x/mm	12748x	
Z	0000UT, 12-1-76	2400UT, 12-6-76	7.68'/mm	55130x	
	0000 UT, 12-7-76	2400 UT, 12-31-76	7.6 x/mm	55140x	

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE	VALUE	BASELINE
D	0000 UT, 12-1-76	2400 UT, 12-31-76	7.9'/mm	29.8x/mm	24° 23'.4 E
H	0000UT, 12-1-76	2400UT, 12-31-76	44.1x/mm	11492x	
Z	0000UT, 12-1-76	2400UT, 12-31-76	48.9x/mm	54012x	

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE	VALUE
D	0000UT, 12-1-76	2400UT, 12-31-76	0.3'/mm	1.0x/mm
H	0000UT, 12-1-76	2400UT, 12-31-76		1.0x/mm
Z	0000UT, 12-1-76	2400UT, 12-31-76		2.4 x/mm

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*

D	H	Z
28° 21'.2 E	13052x	55362x

* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

DAYS USED: DEC. 2, 3, 6, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 23, 27

MAGNETOCGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS

(UNIVERSAL TIME)

Values are in tenths of mm. and are averages for successive periods of one hour beginning at midnight. Negative values are in red. with minus signs shown.

Shrinkage corrections have been applied. Negative values are in red. with minus signs shown.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERVICE COAST AND GEODSTATIC SURVEY GEOMAGNETIC DIVISION												OBSV. YEAR		MONTH		FILE ENT											
universality,												00	76	DEC.	H												
C	Q ₅	Q ₁₀	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	SUM
C	387	385	383	382	379	378	373	372	381	389	378	361	01	230	267	325	339	369	373	383	384	389	369	361	382	381	8743
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SCLED BY	SPT, CED, TEP	Baseline Interval	BEGINNING	Scale Value	Value	Interpolated	Significant portion of hour interpolated.	Scaling uncertainty increase of magnetic atom.	Monthly sum	271111																	
CHECKED BY	CED, MDM, TEP			No records or no values given, curve was estimated for missing record.	<> Record off scale for part of hour.	Monthly mean	364	DATES WITH GAPS:																			
SIGNS REVIEWED BY	MJTH			No available because of faulty record.	Derived from STORM Map, converted to Normal Map.																						
PUNCHED BY																											

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS												ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY GEOMAGNETISM DIVISION												OBSY.		YEAR		MONTH		CLIMATE	
(UNIVERSAL TIME)												hour 11 of the same universal day.												CO		76		DEC.		Z	
C	Q ₁	Q ₂	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	SUM				
C	Q ₁	Q ₂	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	SUM				
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SCALED BY SPT, CED, ZEP

CHECKED BY CED, MM, ZEP

SIGNS REVIEWED BY MM

PUNCHED BY

Preliminary baseline and scale values:

Interval Beginning Scale Value

Baseline Value

Value

C) Interpolated

D) Significant portion of hour interpolated.

E) No record; or no values available because of faulty record.

F) Read off sheet for all hour given, curve was estimated for missing part.

G) Derived from STORM Map, converted to Normal Map.

H) Monthly mean because of magnetic storm.

I) Recd off sheet for part of hour given, curve was estimated for missing part.

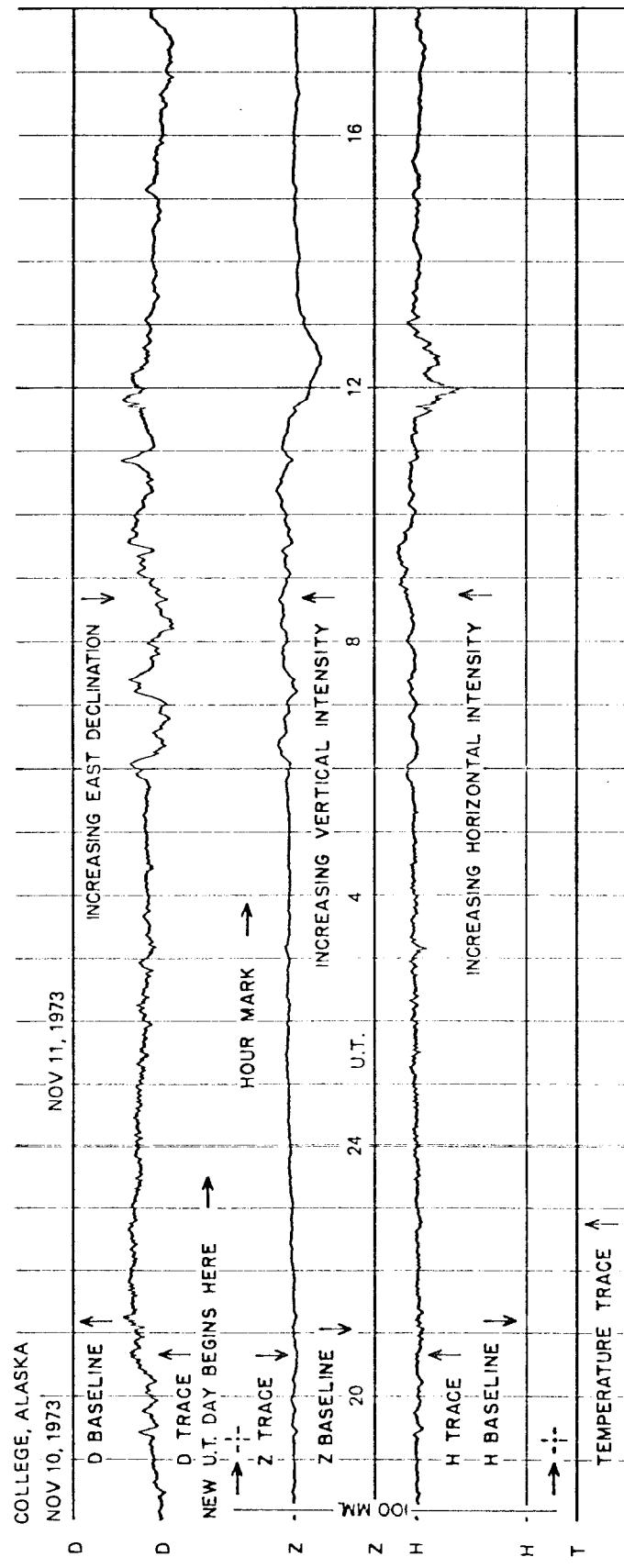
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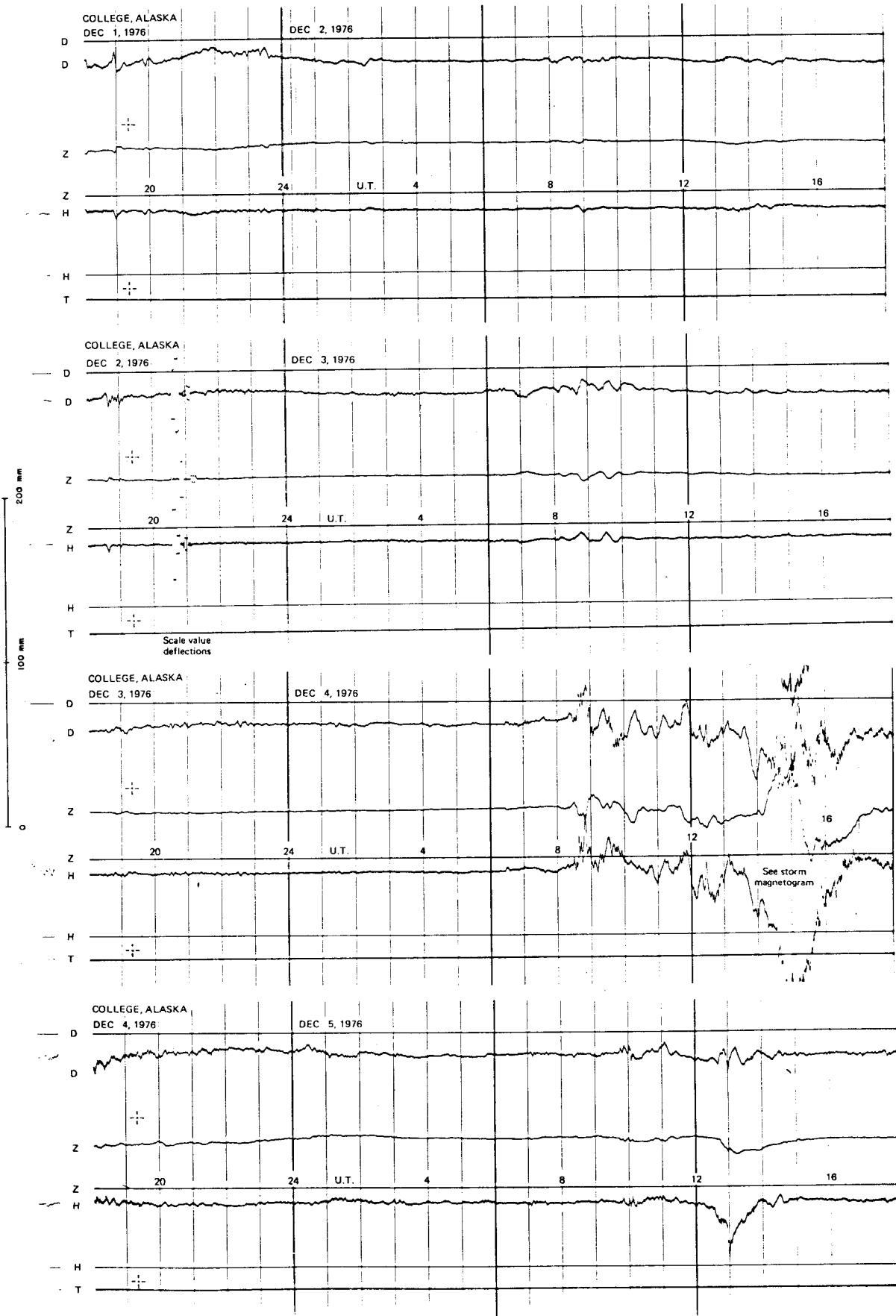
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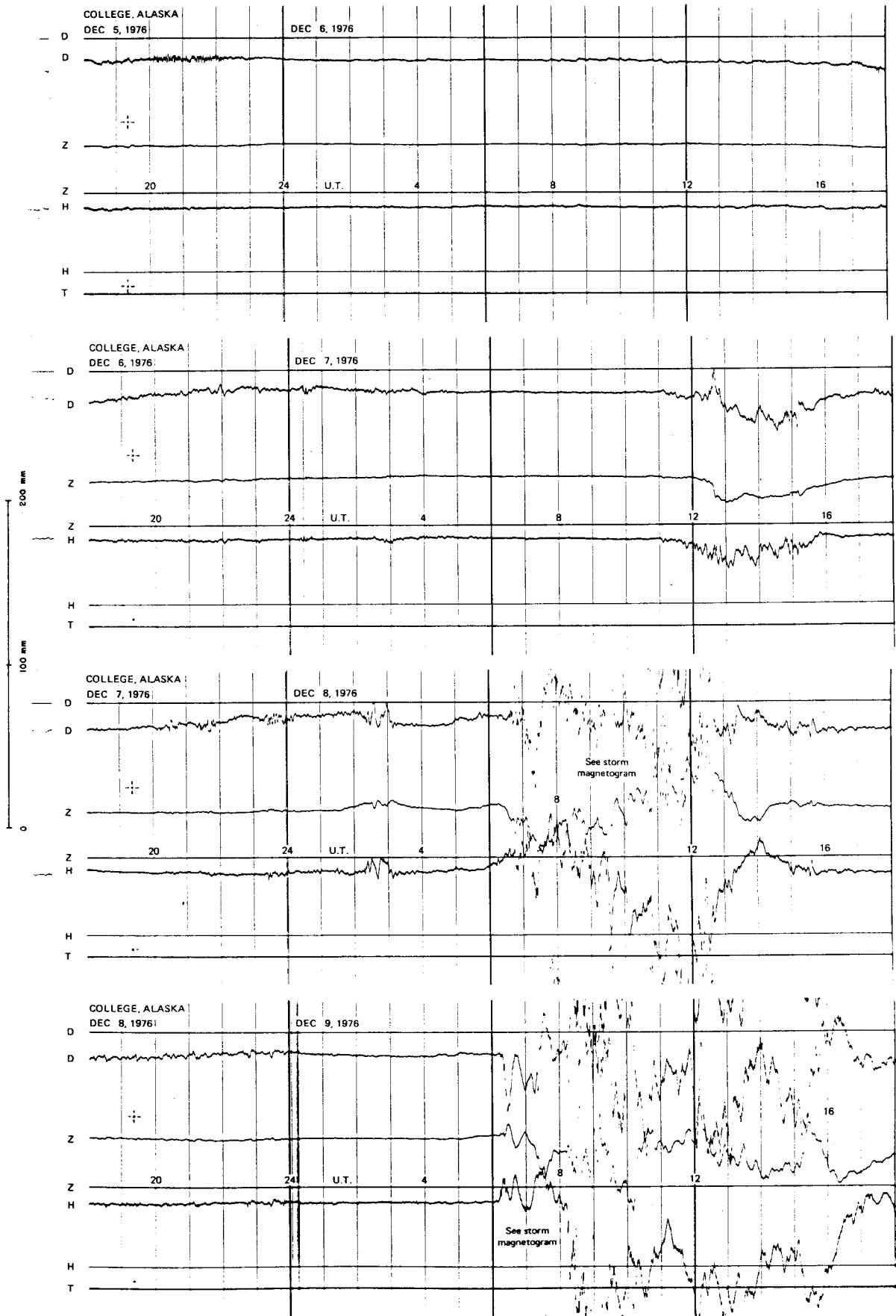


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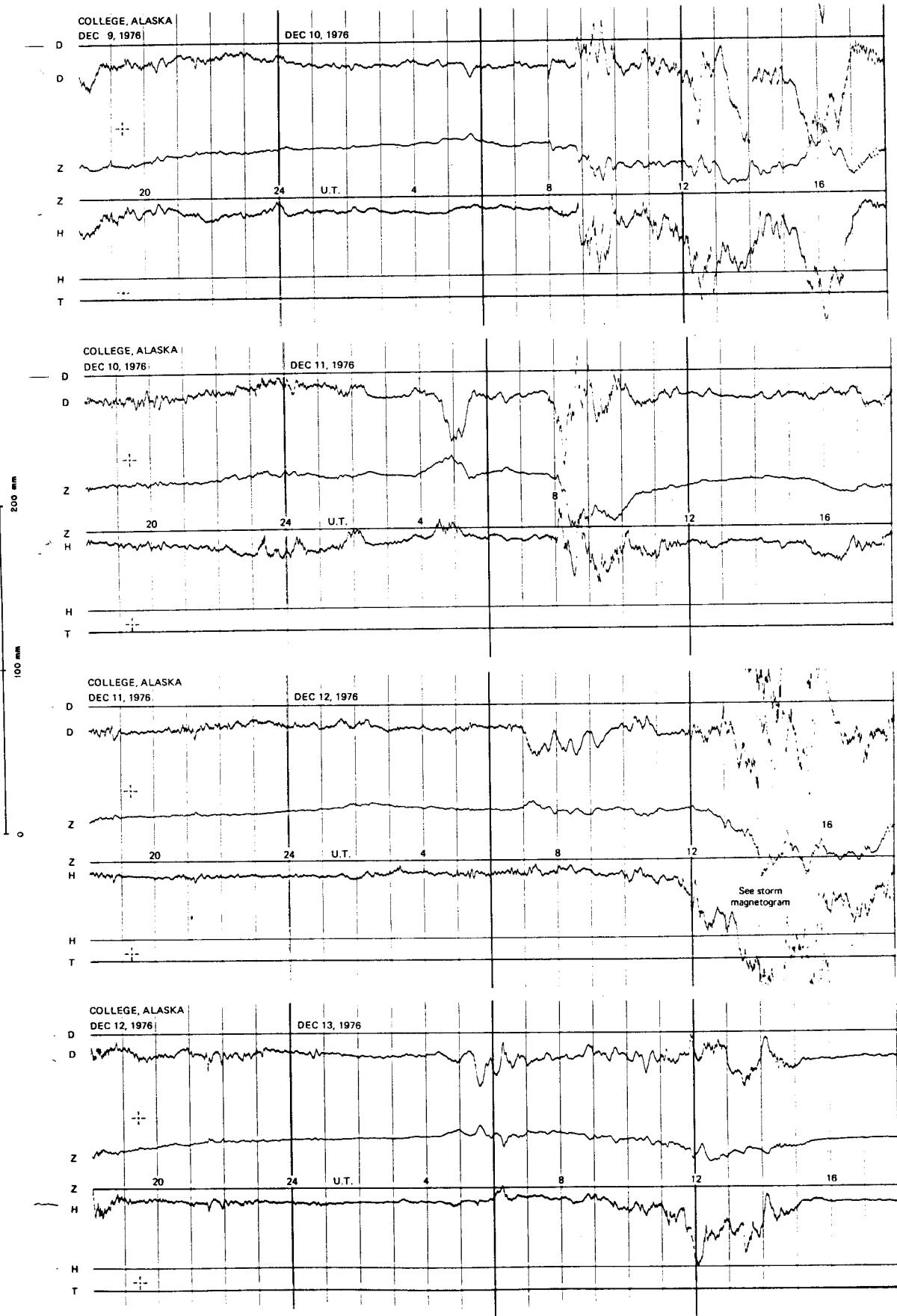
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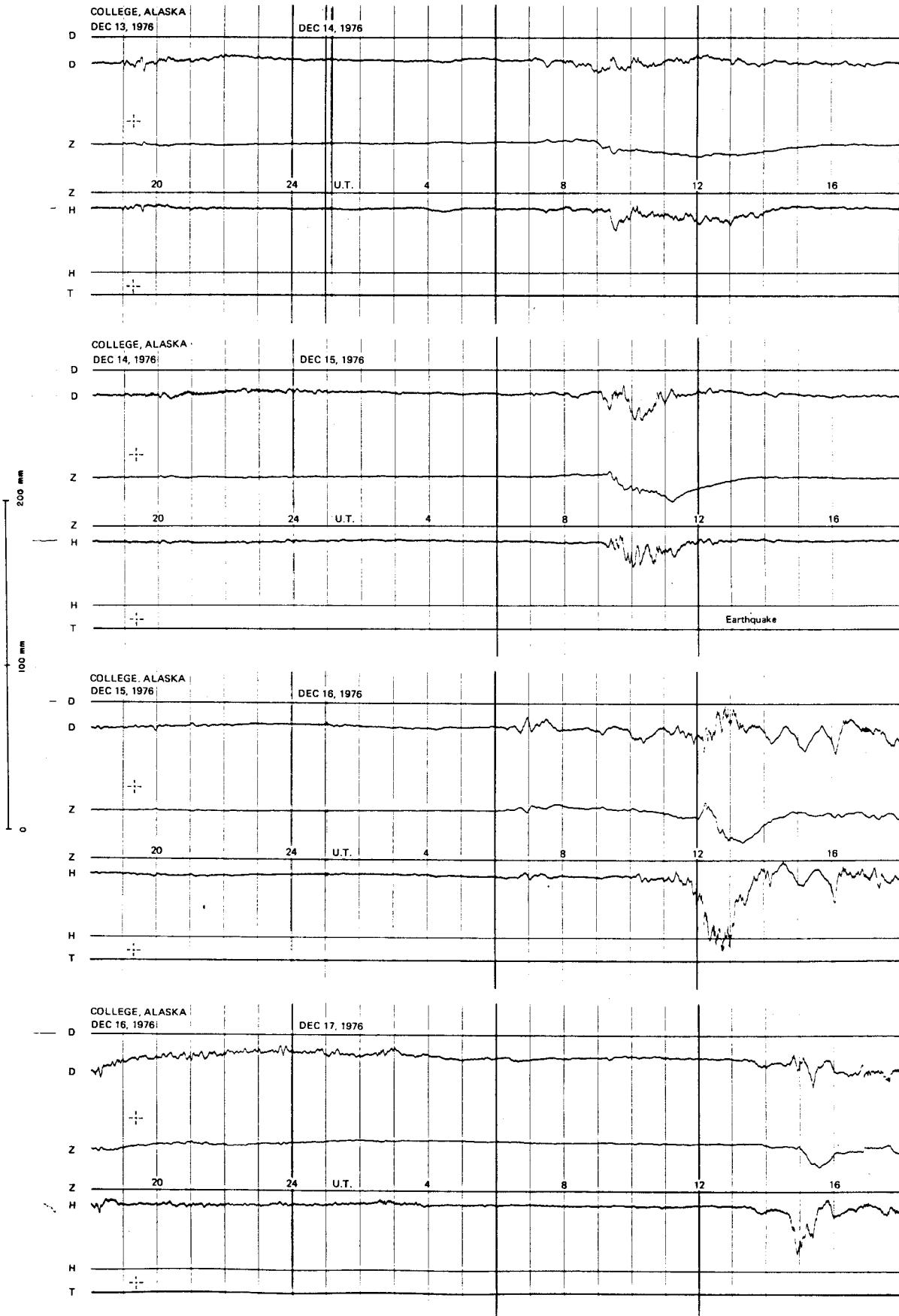
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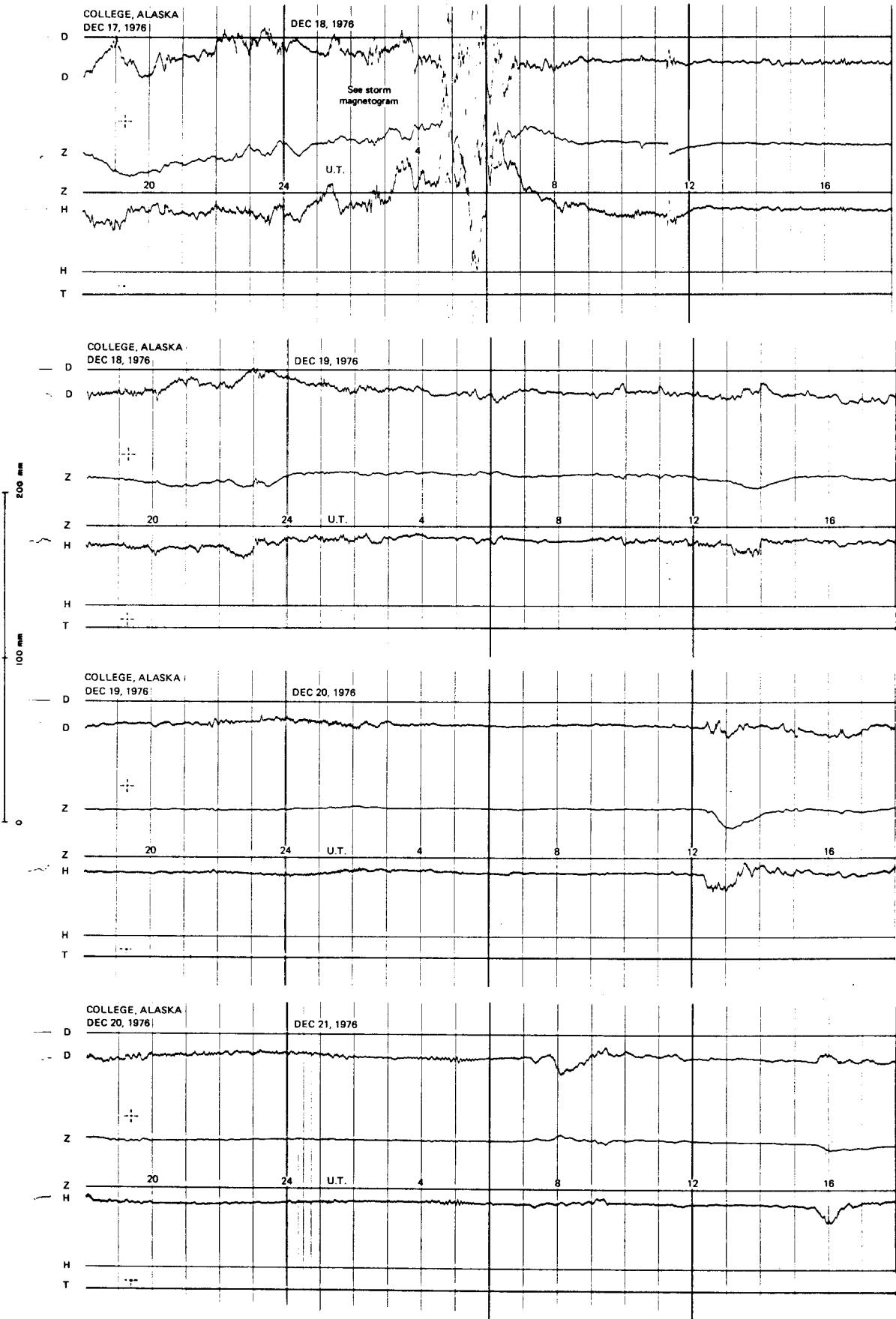
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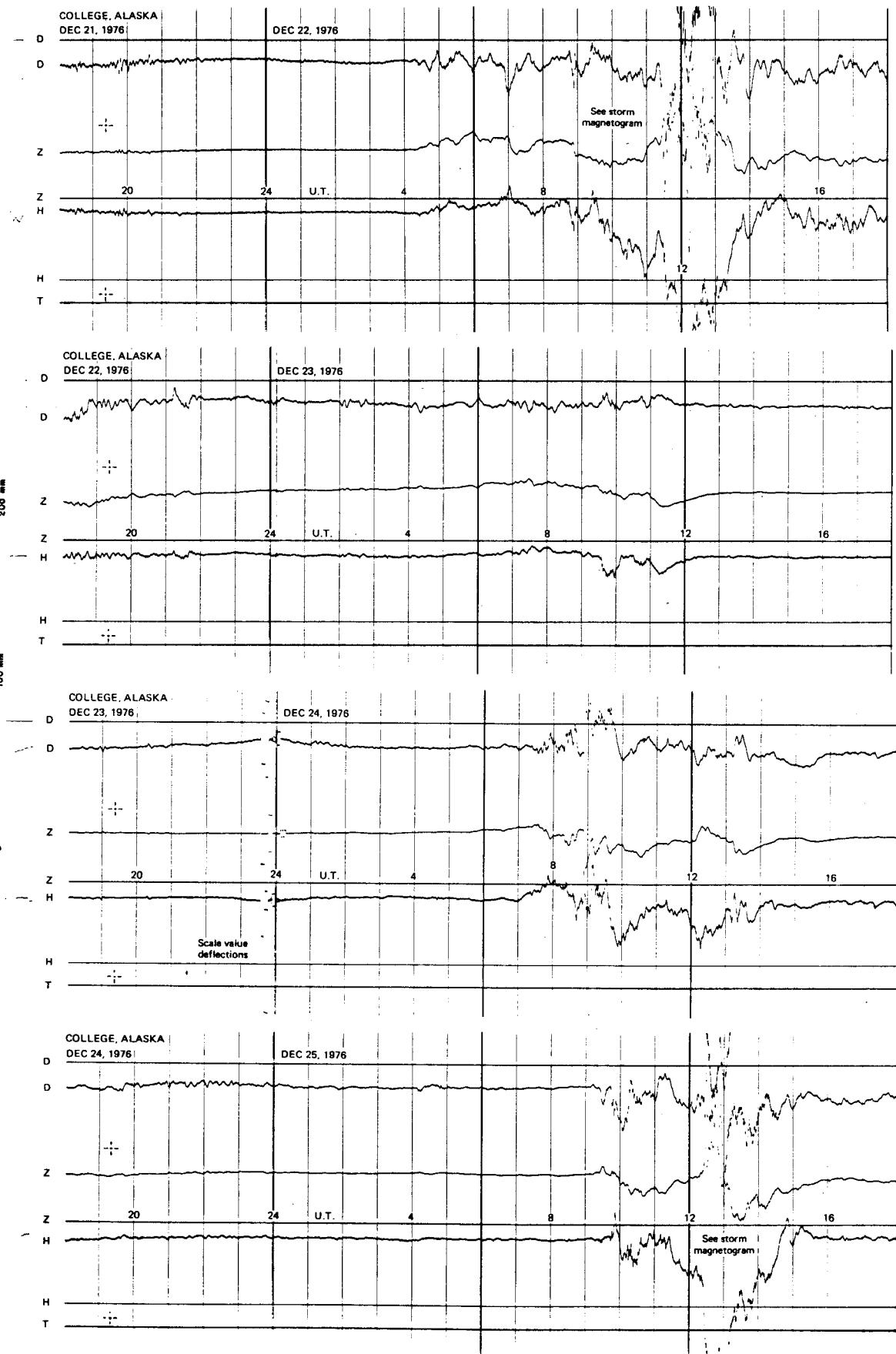
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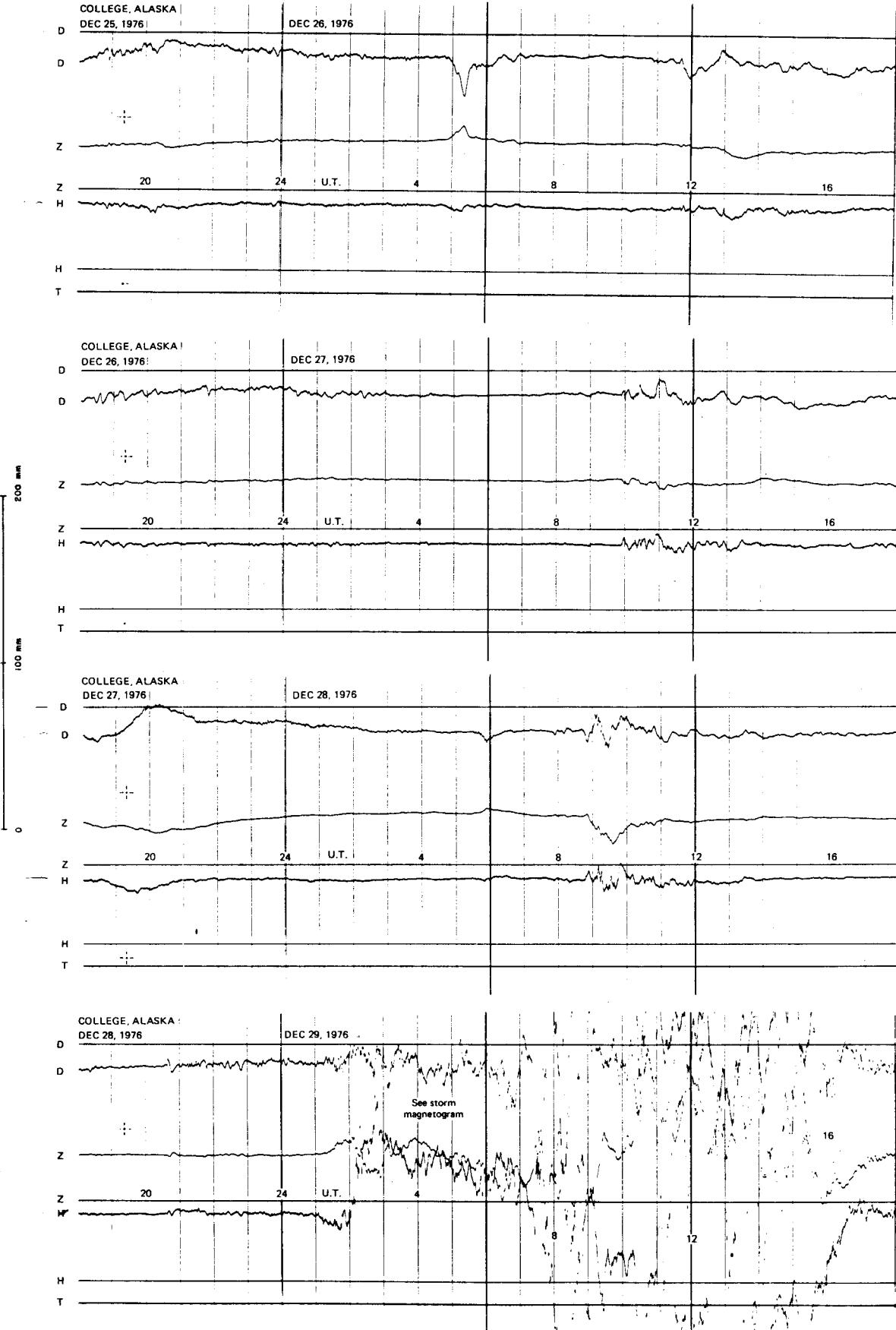
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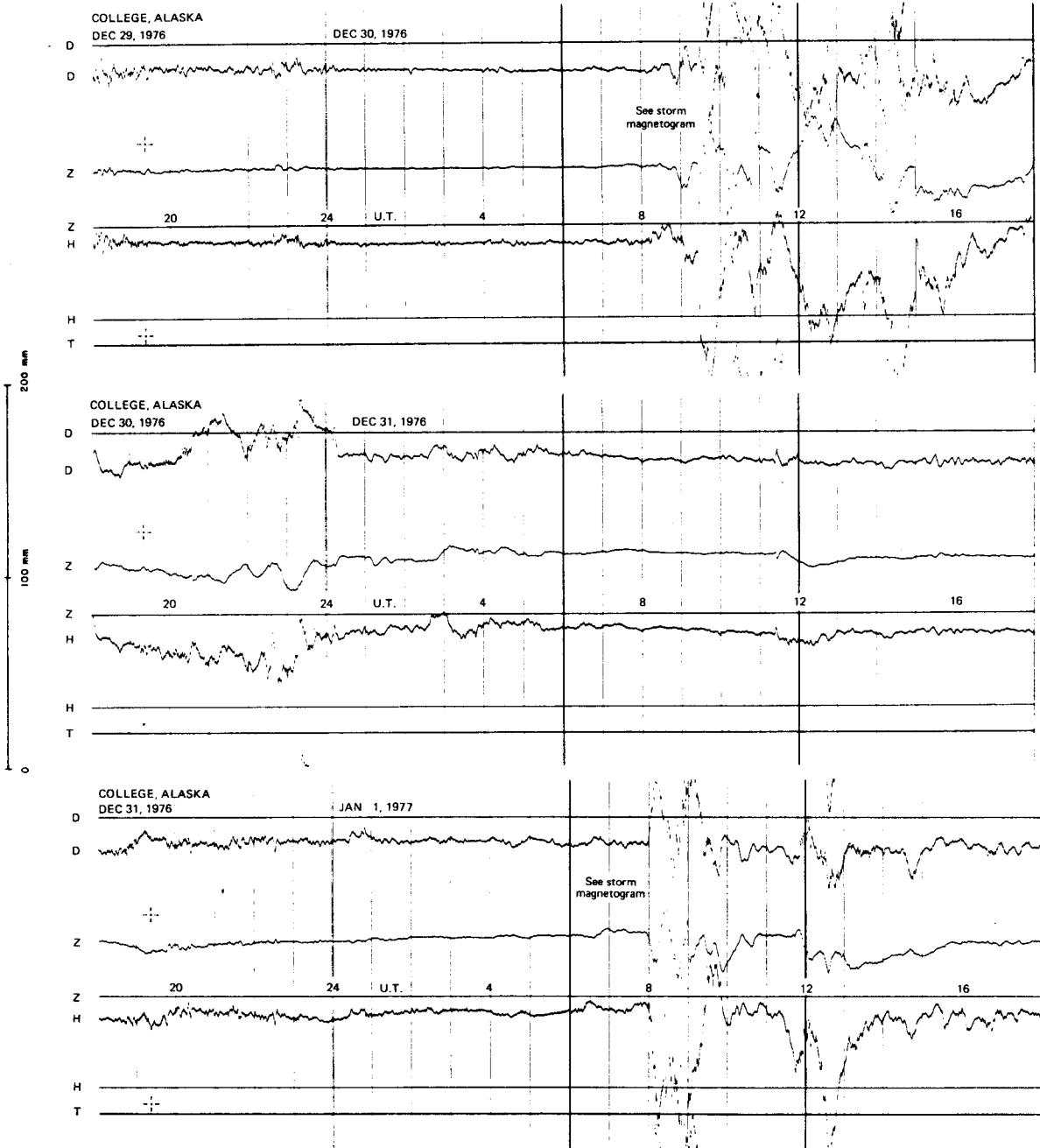
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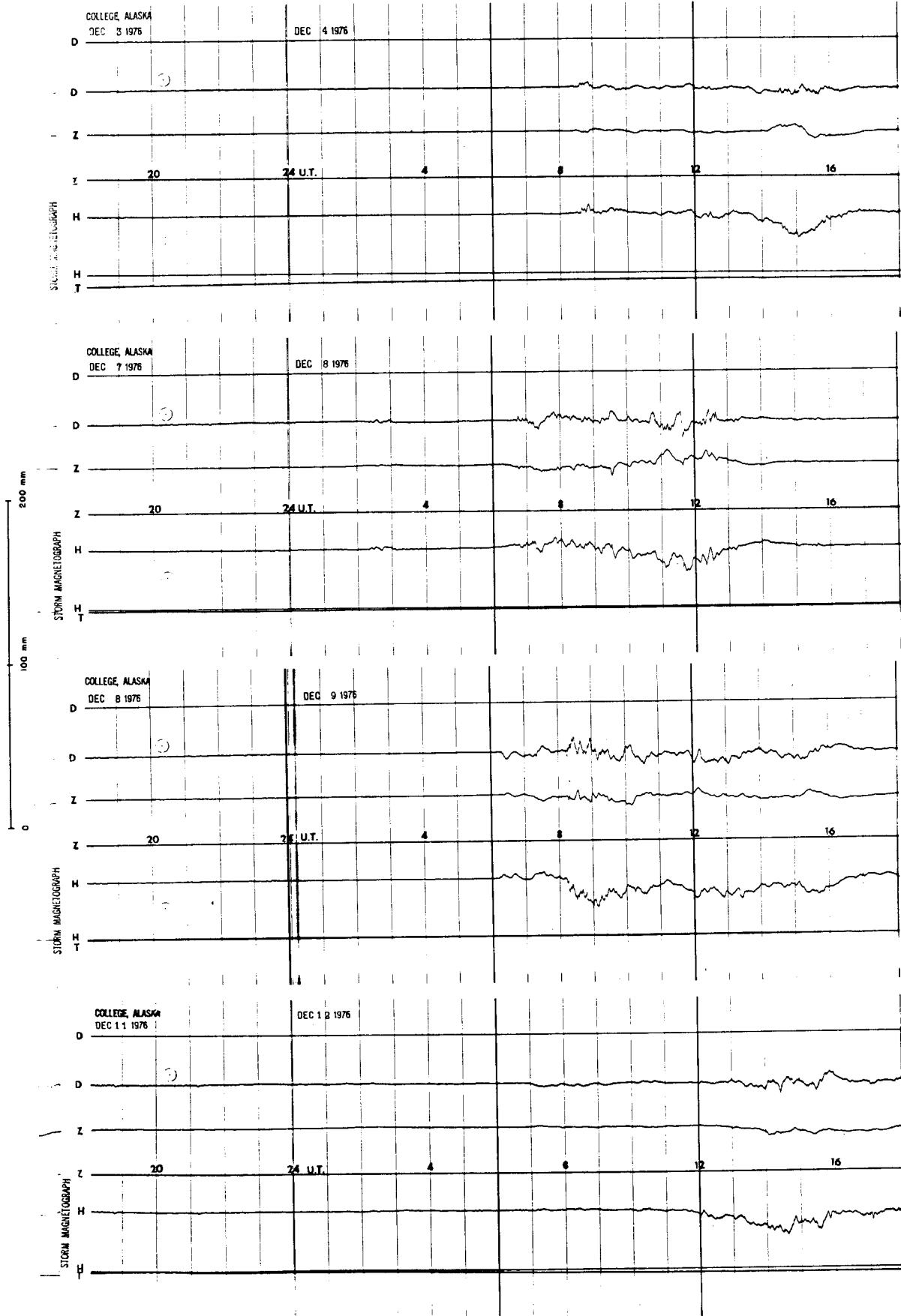
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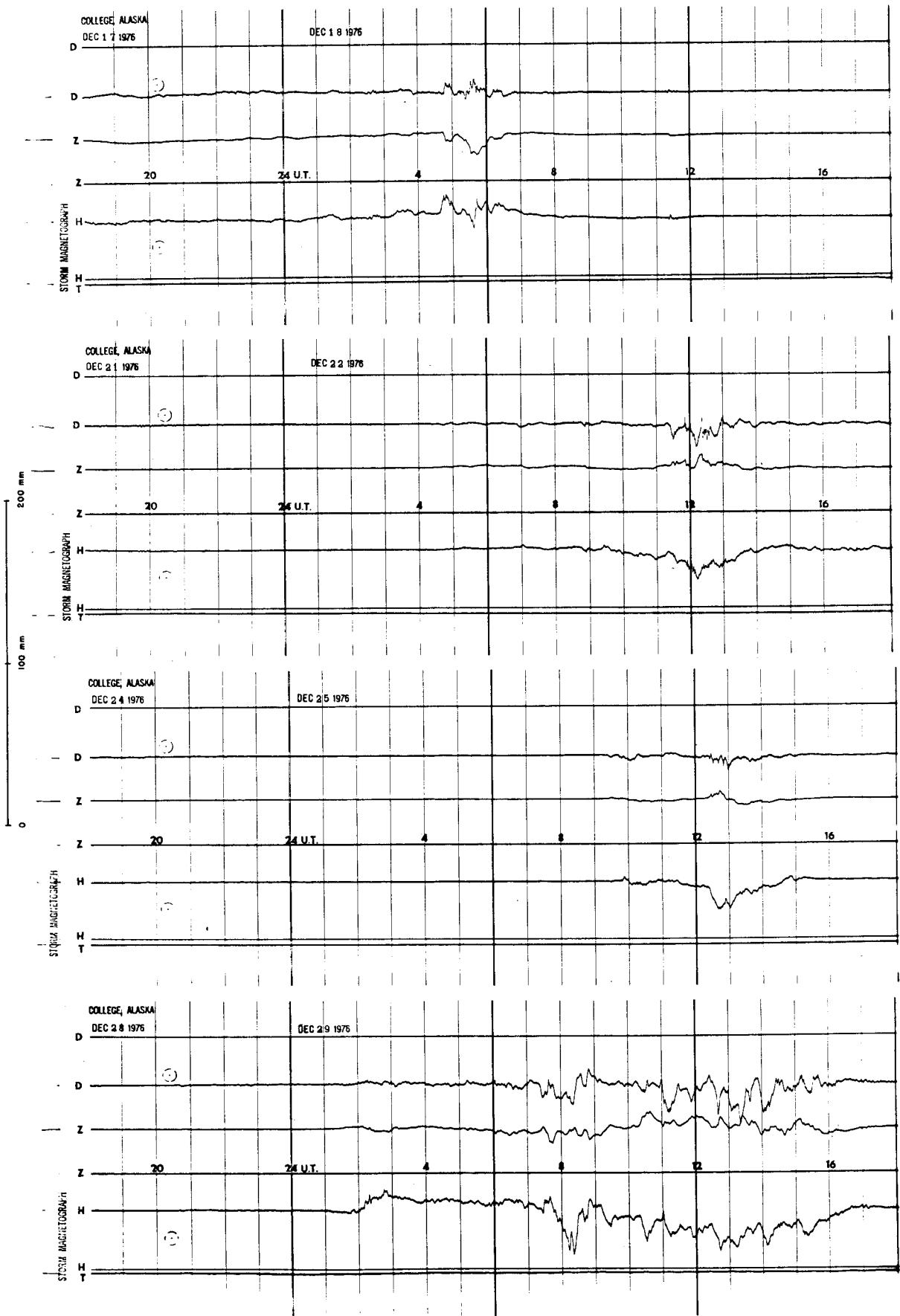
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